

metallic tubular member and one part of the polymeric tubular member, the polymeric tubular member having a deformed section defined by the hot pressed bond, and a nondeformed section longitudinally adjacent to the deformed section, the nondeformed section being in contact with the surface of the metallic tubular member.

18. The catheter of claim 17 wherein the deformed section of the polymeric tubular member has a smaller outer diameter than the nondeformed section.

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**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 4.

Applicant submits that the pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter, and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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